

United States Government
FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
ARMENIA

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
Bank Supervision – Phase II	This activity aims to achieve a variety of tasks to promote the further development of the capacity of the central bank to regulate and supervise Armenia's banking system. These tasks involve providing technical assistance in the areas of on-site inspections; bank consolidation and problem bank resolution; implementing a risk-based supervision strategy; legal reform in banking; and banking-related accounting reform. Other areas of activity receiving some degree of attention involve deposit insurance and a diagnostic assessment of the banking system. (Both the FY 02 obligation and cumulative total funds reflect the amount of the activity related to trade capacity building and NOT the whole activity. The percentage allocations only apply to trade-related activities and not the whole of the activity.) Funded and implemented by USAID/Armenia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	2,000,000
Capital Markets Development Program-Phase II	This activity aims to foster the development of traditional and nontraditional capital markets in Armenia. Traditional capital markets refers to continuing to promote the development of the securities commission in its regulatory and supervisory functions; the stock exchange as it develops as a self-regulatory organization; and the central depository/registry as it also so develops. Non-traditional activities involve to facilitate the Armenian financial sector's capacity to address the financing needs of the emerging real economy through such vehicles as private placements, factoring, and trade credit. Such activities also aim to promote the legal/regulatory environment for municipal debt and all forms of insurance. (Both the FY 02 obligation and cumulative total funds reflect the amount of the activity related to trade capacity building and NOT the whole activity. The percentage allocations only apply to trade-related activities and not the whole of the activity. Funded and implemented by USAID/Armenia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	2,400,000
SME Agribusiness	This program works in key agribusiness growth areas to review and address constraints to private sector investment in agribusiness SMEs. It provides technical assistance to both agribusiness and other supporting sectors to exploit market (profit-making) opportunities, focusing primarily on strengthening these companies' abilities to export their products. (Both the FY 02 obligation and cumulative total funds reflect the amount of the activity related to trade capacity building and NOT necessarily the whole activity. The percentage allocations only apply to trade-related activities and not necessarily the whole of the activity.) Funded and implemented by USAID/Armenia.	Trade-Related Agriculture	2,500,000

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SME Development	This activity is directed towards achieving USAID’s goal of supporting the growth of the private sector in Armenia. To help achieve this goal, USAID has funded a technical assistance program that includes expansion of access to technical support for businesses; long-term technical support, and market linkages to the United States. This program focuses on the tourism, jewelry/gem stone, IT, and textiles/shoes industries. (Both the FY 02 obligation and cumulative total funds reflect the amount of the activity related to trade capacity building and NOT the whole activity. The percentage allocations only apply to trade-related activities and not the whole of the activity.) Funded and implemented by USAID/Armenia.	Export Promotion	185,000
		Tourism Sector Development	555,000
		Activity Total	740,000
Tax, Customs and Fiscal Reform	This activity aims to establish stable tax, fiscal, and customs regimes and practices in order to facilitate private sector development. On customs administration, its goals are to (i) assist in the reorganization and modernization of Customs, in particular by developing the State Customs Committee’s (SCC) capacity to appropriately administer the Customs Code and to improve the Customs Code and related regulations; (ii) to assist in the establishment of an internal control function within the SCC; (iii) to assist in the establishment of a Customs Advisory Committee; (iv) to provide support and guidance to customs payers’ rights organizations; (v) to assist in the development of internal manuals governing Customs procedures; (vi) to assist in the roll-out of ASYCUDA to all Customs points; (vii) to assist the SCC in ensuring the compatibility and interoperability of tax and customs electronic data processing systems; and (vii) to enhance the capacity of the taxpayer service center to develop and disseminate e Funded and implemented by USAID/Armenia.	WTO Accession	127,500
		Customs Operation & Administration	1,147,500
		Activity Total	1,275,000
FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to ARMENIA			8,915,000